Eco-development would also be taken in the identified areas for increasing the productivity of land, reducing the dependence of the people on the forests, carrying out programmes for improving the quality of livestock and reduce its number, developing alternative sources of energy and encourage use of non-timber housing material etc

Environment Policy

704. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any Environment policy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Government propose to issue an Environmental policy Statement

Prohibition of use of vehicles by individuals to clear the cities of fuel pollution

705 SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prohibit the use of vehicles by individuals to clear Delhi and other cities of vehicle fuel pollution and also to save petrol and diesel, and

(b) if so, by when action would be initiated to stop individual use of vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

SAARC meet at Male

706 CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH.
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the subjects discussed at the recent summit meeting of SAARC held at Male;

(b) the decisions taken at the summit; and

(c) the follow-up action being taken or proposed to be taken to implement those decisions?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) The details of the subjects discussed at the recent Summit Meeting of SAARC held at Male and the decisions taken at the Summit are contained in the Male Declaration and the Joint Press Release, copies of which have already been laid on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CLVI, Annexure No. 12]

(c) The Ministry of External Affairs is in touch with various Ministries/Departments of Government of India to take follow-up measures in order to implement these decisions.

Killing of Tamil Nadu fishermen by Sri Lankan Army

707. SHRI S MADHAVAN
SHRI M VINCENT

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Sri Lankan Army fired and killed Tamil Nadu fishermen near Kacha Theevu in October, 1990,

(b) the number of incidents of firing by Sri Lankan Army against our fishermen during the year 1990 and what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the Tamil Nadu fishermen are prevented from fishing around Kacha Theevu Island by Sri Lankan Army, and

(d) whether Government would reconsider the agreement with Sri Lanka on Kacha Theevu Island in order to protect the rights of fishing of our fishermen?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) (a) No, Sir

(b) In 1990, five incidents of firing by Sri Lankan Navy against Indian fishermen were reported: